Indiana PREA Timeline

Since the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) passed into federal law in 2003, the Indiana Department of Correction has completed significant steps toward full compliance with PREA standards to include:

2004 Created a PREA Compliance Manager at every IDOC facility.

2005 Created a statewide Sexual Assault Prevention Plan (SAP) policy and continually updated the policy as PREA standards were passed.

Developed and distributed brochures and posters to educate offenders, staff and visitors about IDOC's zero tolerance policy and sexual abuse reporting system.

Developed and implemented a PREA risk assessment screening tool that is completed on every offender 24 hours after intake into IDOC and annually reviewed at every facility.

Developed and distributed offender educational materials that every offender receives at intake to a facility and an orientation of the facility Sexual Assault Prevention Plan provided by staff within 30 days of arrival.

Developed and implemented a staff/contractor/volunteer training curriculum based on SAP Policy.

Developed and implemented a Sexual Assault Response Team at each facility in 2010 with training for first responders and sexual assault investigators.

Developed and implemented a PREA Committee at each facility for reviewing each PREA investigation once completed and the facility SAP program.

Applied for and received four Bureau of Justice Assistance Zero Tolerance Project grants since 2006 to assist with development and implementation of the IDOC SAP program.

Developed Diana Screen tool for Division of Youth Services to screen potential employees and volunteers. The Diana Screen helps to identify applicants who may step over a sexual boundary line with children or teenagers or applicants who may present a sexual risk.

2011 Established statewide PREA Coordinator (Executive Director of PREA)

2010

2012 Established a PREA hotline that offenders can access on the offender phone system to make a report to facility investigators.

Established a PREA hotline and email address for staff and family members to make reports directly to the Executive Director of PREA.

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Established a hotline on the offender phone system and email through JPay kiosks to the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault through a community partnership agreement where offenders can make a report of sexual abuse or request victim advocate services.

Created an electronic Sexual Incident Report system for all PREA Compliance Managers to document allegations and investigation results.

Sent five IDOC staff to the Department of Justice Certified PREA Auditor training. These five certified auditors are currently conducting internal audits of everyone IDOC facility to ascertain compliance and provide direction for plans of correction if needed. Full compliance is the goal, provided compliance does not create a negative fiscal impact on the IDOC budget.